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Mentors' Picnic Planned; Training Available for Next Year's Mentors

*By Margaret Davis Harney, CFC
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The Special Friends Mentoring Program will end the current school year with a picnic May 18 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Juniper Hills Park. All mentors, students and their families, and school officials are invited.

The Capital City Optimist Club will provide the food. Mentors are invited to bring games or sports equipment.

With the end of the school term approaching and a three-week spring break set for March 26 – April 16, no new mentors will be assigned until the fall term. Training will be provided this summer to prepare new mentors for the 2001-2 school year.

For more information, or to volunteer as a mentor, contact Ronnie Dunn in Employee Services, 564-7770.

EIC Helps Low-income Kentucky Families

By Mike Jennings, CFC Communications

The Cabinet for Families and Children urges low-income clients to apply for the federal Earned Income Credit (EIC), and qualifying families appear to heed the message.

More than one out of six Kentucky taxpayers benefits from the EIC, a powerful tool for helping low-income workers keep more of their earnings.

Internal Revenue Service figures for the 1999 tax year show that 17.8 percent (292,017 out of more than 1.6 million) income tax returns filed by Kentucky taxpayers contained an EIC claim.

The most recent available national figures are for 1998, when there were 19.7 million EIC claims out of more than 123 million income tax returns filed. That works out to a nationwide EIC claim rate of 16 percent.

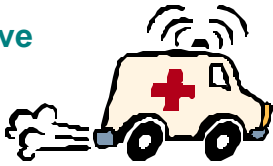
The above-average EIC claim rate for Kentucky is in line with the state's below-average household income. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the median household income in Kentucky over the period 1997 through 1999 was \$35,226, compared to a national median of \$39,657.



Sick Leave

Andrew "Buddy" Moore of Fiduciary Services is in need of sick leave. He is battling a lung disease and is off indefinitely. To donate time, contact Denise Hume at 502-564-2927.

Elizabeth Young of Fiduciary Services is in need of sick leave. She has a broken leg and she needs 2 weeks of leave. To donate time, contact Denise Hume at 502-564-2927.



Helpful Web Sites

Compiled by Margaret Davis Harney

If you've found a helpful site you would like to share in this column, e-mail it to [Margaret Davis Harney](mailto:Margaret.Davis.Harney@CFC.com).

(Note: This column is provided for informational purposes only and is not intended to be an endorsement for any site or its content.)

The following sites were submitted by Jean Kendell, CFC's Office of Program Support.

Maintaining Good Health

Mayo Clinic
<http://www.mayoclinic.com>

Drug Information
<http://www.mayoclinic.com/home?id=SP5.7>

First Aid and Self-Care Guide
<http://www.mayoclinic.com/home?id=SP5.6>

Diseases & Conditions from A-Z
<http://www.mayoclinic.com/home?id=SP5.1>

Answers from Mayo Specialists
<http://www.mayoclinic.com/home?id=SP2.5>

Family Life
<http://www.mayoclinic.com/home?id=4.1.1>

Fitness & Sports Medicine
<http://www.mayoclinic.com/home?id=4.1.2>

Food & Nutrition
<http://www.mayoclinic.com/home?id=4.1.5>

Healthy Aging
<http://www.mayoclinic.com/home?id=4.1.3>

Men's Health
<http://www.mayoclinic.com/home?id=4.1.4>

Pregnancy & Reproduction
<http://www.mayoclinic.com/home?id=4.1.6>

Women's Health
<http://www.mayoclinic.com/home?id=4.1.7>

Working Life
<http://www.mayoclinic.com/home?id=4.1.8>



WalkAmerica State Walk Nearing: March of Dimes 2001

By Patricia Boler, CFC Communications

It's hard to believe CFC's March of Dimes WalkAmerica campaign for 2001 is coming to an end. The State Walk is just around the corner, but there is still a chance for everyone to support the March of Dimes.

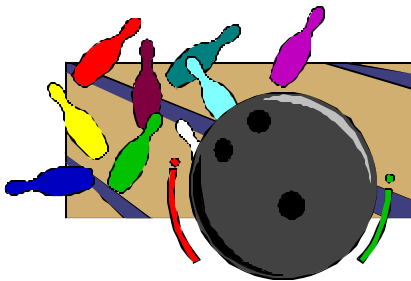
There are several ways employees can support the March of Dimes. Fund-raising items such as March of Dimes "shoes" and Home Interiors® candles are still available. Employees may sign up to walk on April 6 with their office March of Dimes volunteer coordinator.

All fund-raiser participants will be entered in a drawing for a quilt and quilt stand. The quilt was hand-made by Charlene Nation of Employee Services and the quilt stand was made by our talented carpenters in Facilities Management.

Charlene Nation is the Cabinet coordinator for the March of Dimes. If you have questions or would like to know who your office coordinator is, call her at 564-7770.

Our fund-raiser dollars help the March of Dimes continue research, pre-term prevention education, and community programs that increase prenatal care for women who might not otherwise get it. This year our fund-raising goal is set for \$1,800. We also have a goal of 50 walkers for the State Walk on April 6. Let's all take this opportunity to support healthy babies by supporting the March of Dimes.

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Way to go Calloway!

On March 10, Calloway County Protection and Permanency staff participated in the Bowl for Kids Sake - a fund raiser for Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Their team, the Gutter Bowlers, collected \$140 from area court staff, law enforcement, etc.

And as for the bowling... Calloway's team name turned out to be prophetic!

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State Holiday

State offices will be closed ½ day on April 13 for Good Friday.

